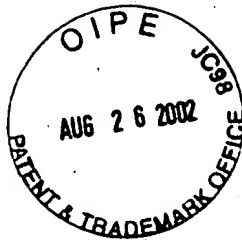


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In re Application of:

KEISUKE ARAKI, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/127,031

Filed: July 31, 1998

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated June 26, 2002, by one month, from July 26, 2002, to Monday, August 26, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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